



Sample Letter from Healthcare Provider to Landlord

[Date]

Property Manager
Address
City, State Zip

Dear Property Manager,

This letter concerns one of my patients, [insert patient name], who has come to my office complaining of [insert symptoms/illnesses here] from exposure to secondhand smoke coming into [his/her] apartment unit. In order for my patient's health to improve, [he/she] must live in a smoke-free environment. Therefore, I am prescribing a smoke-free living environment for [him/her] and respectfully request that you consider making your entire apartment building smoke free in order to fulfill my prescription.

As a healthcare provider, I am very concerned about the harmful health effects experienced by those who are exposed to secondhand smoke, especially children. [insert firsthand experience with patients here] Making the entire apartment building smoke free (including all apartment units) eliminates everyone's exposure to secondhand smoke, a Group A carcinogen. There is no safe level of human exposure to these types of cancer causing chemicals (U.S. Surgeon General, 2006). If you smell smoke, you are breathing these chemicals, whether it occurs indoors or outdoors.

For the health and safety of [insert patient name] and the other tenants in your building, please consider adopting a smoke-free policy.

Sincerely,

[Healthcare Provider's Name]
[Healthcare Provider's Clinic]